

# City Council Proceedings

**Torrance City Council**  
March 29, 1955

City Council meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmen answering roll call: Victor L. Benstead Jr., Albert Isen, Mervin Schwab, and Mayor Nickolas O. Drale. Absent: Councilman Willys G. Blount.

Others present: City Attorney James M. Hall, City Manager George Stevens, Deputy City Clerk I. J. Hallanger, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance led by Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commanding officer of the Torrance National Guard unit. Councilman Schwab offered the invocation, Minutes of March 22 meeting of the Council approved.

Final hearing on the north Torrance rezoning matter, known as Planning Commission Case No. 335, continued for one week when Pantel Chaleson, of 3540 Redondo Beach Blvd., protested that his property was being rezoned from C-2 to R-3 without notification to him. Case continued to allow explanation for the rezoning and to search the records on matter of notification.

Letters from International Chemical Workers Union and San Pedro-Wilmington Labor Council commending Council action on drawing up an ordinance to compel erection of safeguards in the oil field areas received by the Council and filed.

Request of Bridge Co., 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, for city funds totaling \$300 annually to help equip the new Torrance Army for community functions referred to the city attorney for advice on the legality of such expenditure of city monies.

Request of California Society for permission to place collection boxes in Torrance business establishments between May 1 and May 15 approved subject to approval of Torrance police.

Request of Gilbert Allen, of 2003 Plaza Del Amo, for permission to place trash containers on downtown streets and in areas where advertising on the containers might be seen rejected with the comment that the city now maintains adequate trash containers throughout the area.

Petition signed by 33 persons protesting closing of volleyball classes for adults in the High School gymnasium referred to Recreation Commission. The program had been conducted in the school by the Recreation Department.

Civil Service Board recommendation that Water Service Foreman be paid on a salary schedule corresponding to those of park foreman and road foreman held over by the Council for study.

Findings and Decision of Civil Service Board in hearing held on the discharge of Edith Meskimen from City Clerk's office approved by the Council.

Appointment of Thomas C. Todd to serve probationary period as laborer in the street department approved on the recommendation of City Manager.

Elmer S. Moon, athletic director for city, authorized to attend the California Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Conference in Riverside on April 2 through 5 on the recommendation of City

Request of Disabled American Veterans, Department of California, for permission to sell First Aid kits by solicitation with the money going to local chapter rehabilitation funds tabled with the information from the local chapter that it did not plan to participate in the event.

Recommendation of Arthur S. Moore, City plumbing inspector, for change in ordinance governing use of toilets on construction jobs referred to Building Superintendent John Russell for his recommendation.

Communication from Board of Supervisors acknowledging receipt of Resolution 2697, the resolution of intention to annex portions of the unincorporated Palos Verdes area, ordered filed.

Statement of earnings of Richfield Oil Corp. and payment of \$209.61 for franchisee during calendar year 1954 accepted.

Franchise statement of Southern California Gas Co. for 1954 received and check for \$19,125.31 accepted.

Request of Torrance Recreation Commission that all bids for park and recreation facility developments be rejected by the Council approved.

Letter from Pacific Hills Homeowners giving conditional approval to annexation of Rolling Hills area filed.

Request of Torrance Jay-Cettes and Torrance Terrace Garden Club for waiver of custodial fees during Arts, Hobby and Flower Show scheduled for Civic Auditorium approved. In approving the request, Councilmen indicated they felt the event was a community affair and in the interests of the city—not a function of a select group.

Request of Everett Powell, of 2003 Plaza Del Amo, for permission to place trash containers on downtown streets and in areas where advertising on the containers might be seen rejected with the comment that the city now maintains adequate trash containers throughout the area.

Petition signed by 33 persons protesting closing of volleyball classes for adults in the High School gymnasium referred to Recreation Commission. The program had been conducted in the school by the Recreation Department.

Civil Service Board recommendation that Water Service Foreman be paid on a salary schedule corresponding to those of park foreman and road foreman held over by the Council for study.

Findings and Decision of Civil Service Board in hearing held on the discharge of Edith Meskimen from City Clerk's office approved by the Council.

Appointment of Thomas C. Todd to serve probationary period as laborer in the street department approved on the recommendation of City Manager.

Elmer S. Moon, athletic director for city, authorized to attend the California Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Conference in Riverside on April 2 through 5 on the recommendation of City

Manager and Recreation Director.

Council decided against sending a representative to the California Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association conference in Riverside next month on the recommendation of the City Manager that the conference would have little bearing on the city's operation.

Proposed budgets for the Civic Center and Fire Station projects submitted by City Manager Stevens approved by Council.

Schedule for refuse collection fees to apply to commercial firms approved effective May 1, 1955. Each establishment will be allowed free collection of 18 cubic feet of material each week and will be charged \$1 per cubic yard for each additional cubic yard picked up during the week.

Request of James G. Crawford to erect a sign at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw directing attention to his golf driving range on the airport lease approved until Dec. 31, 1956. Approval recommended by Airport Commission.

Request of Arthur Simone for permission to construct a standard hangar on the Torrance Municipal Airport approved.

Recommendation of City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop that \$60,000 public improvement bond on tract 17483 be released by the city was approved.

Tentative tract map No. 19792 submitted by Everett Powell calling for construction of 24 homes south of Redondo Beach Blvd., north of 164th St., and west of the Roadium theater approved.

Letter from Planning Commission recommending approval of one condition of Tract No. 15670 calling for dedication of two lots for street purposes approved. City Manager Stevens said the condition was not practical inasmuch as the grade in the area would require a huge cut in order to extend a roadway through the tract. It is located west of Calle Mayor and north of Pacific Coast Hwy.

Tentative Tract No. 21173, held over from last week's meeting for clarification of setback requests on houses adjoining a cul-de-sac, approved.

Resolution 2606 authorizing agreement for extension of municipal water service to Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. adopted.

Resolution 2707 repealing Resolution 2697 and cancelling the public hearing scheduled for April 5 on proposed annexation of the Rolling Hills Addition to Torrance adopted.

Ordinance 731 establishing an Airport Commission and repealing the resolution which set up the commission adopted at its second reading.

Ordinance 735 reclassifying property contained in Case No. 331 adopted at second reading.

Ordinance 736 reclassifying property referred to in Case 334 adopted on second reading.

Ordinance 737 regulating construction and maintenance of trailer parks adopted at second reading.

Ordinance 738 ordering vacation of certain streets in southwest Torrance to permit redevelopment of area introduced and approved at first reading.

City Attorney Hall instructed to draw up ordinances regulating construction of curbs, sidewalks, and requiring provisions for setback and other matters in connection with commercial development.

City Manager Stevens reported that a committee con-

sisting of the Fire and Police Chiefs and himself had studied all proposals to supply mobile radio equipment for city vehicles and that the bid of Motorola appeared the most reasonable. The Council approved awarding of bid to Motorola on lease-purchase arrangement.

Councilman Isen, who is heading up the Torrance Red Cross fund campaign, reported that the city was within "a few hundred dollars" of its \$13,900 goal.

City Attorney instructed to draw up a resolution recommending to the Board of Supervisors that a branch of the Municipal Court be established in Torrance. Move was recommended by Mayor Drale.

Carl L. Porter, of 1026 Elm, asked Council backing in a request to have the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot operation transferred to Torrance when deactivated. Plans were announced this week to close down the facility in San Pedro and move it to the Long Beach shipyards. Council instructed City Manager Stevens to prepare necessary letters to Navy and Defense personnel with Mr. Porter's cooperation.

On the recommendation of Robert Johns, Mayor Drale asked for a public hearing in connection with a proposed ordinance which would raise building site minimums to 6500 square feet and limit lot frontages to a minimum of 60 feet.

Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

## State Traffic Costs Put at \$26.50 a Person

California traffic accident costs last year, equaled a loss of \$26.50 for every man, woman and child in the state, the California Highway Patrol has announced.

Based on a National Safety Council formula which computes costs of all fatal, injury, and property damage accidents at the rate of \$10,000 loss per traffic death, the total dollar loss for 1954 came to \$341,440,000.

Patrol Commissioner E. R. Caldwell explained that the staggering economic loss was suffered as a result of a grisly traffic toll including 3104 dead and 108,265 injured in 180,168 traffic accidents. He emphasized, as another alarming phase of the entire traffic accident picture, the fact that more than nine thousand of the injured have suffered permanent disabilities.

## STADIUM

NOW — ENDS SAT.  
BIG KIDDE SHOW  
EVERY SAT. 1 P.M.  
Audie Murphy  
Marl Blanchard  
"DESTROY"  
In Technicolor  
— Also —  
Abbott and Costello  
"MEET THE  
KEYSTONE COPS"  
With Lynn Bari

## SUN. AND MON. ONLY

Gary Cooper  
Ingrid Bergman  
"SARATOGA TRUNK"  
— and —  
Humphrey Bogart  
Loren Bacall  
"THE BIG SLEEP"  
"HEY KIDS LOOK"  
YOUR BIG EASTER  
VACATION SHOW  
3 BIG DAYS TUES.,  
WED. AND THURS.,  
APRIL 5 - 6 - 7  
FROM 2 P.M. EVERY DAY  
"Hansel and Gretel"  
In Technicolor

— and —  
The Bowery Boys in  
"Bowery to Bagdad"  
— Plus —  
Loads of Cartoons  
and Comedies  
Admission Children 35c

## GRIND

FRI. — SAT. — SUN.  
"THE LIVING DESERT"  
— and —  
Leo Gorcey — Huntz Hall  
"JUNGLE GENTS"

STOP-SHOP-SAVE at ROTH'S! STOP-SHOP

45¢  
23¢  
6 for \$1  
NA 21¢

ROTH'S FINEST Delicatessen

Manhattan Brand <b>FRESH LIVER SAUSAGE</b> 29¢ lb.	2 Year Old WISCONSIN SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE 59¢ lb.
BORDEN'S Ready to Bake BISCUITS Can of 10 10¢	OSCAR MAYER SMOKIE LINKS 12-Oz. Pkg. 53¢

ROTH'S FINEST FRESH PRODUCE

BEST BUY! EXTRA FANCY NAVAL  
**ORANGES 5**

WHITE MEAT EUREKA WALNUTS 29¢ lb.	THIN SKIN JUICY LEMONS 10¢ lb.
--------------------------------------	-----------------------------------

FRESH PICKED DAILY CRISP RED — BY THE BUNCH  
**RADISHES 2**

**Roth's**  
PER SOOP MARKETS

ive Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2-3  
**Hawthorne 1321 Post Ave. TORRANCE**  
/THORNE 12021 W. Washington Bl., Culver City  
ld., Santa Monica 2713 E. Main, Ventura  
M. Chester, L.A. Sepulveda at National, West Los Angeles

Home owner or contractor, you will like our complete, fast service on loans for buying or building.

**First FEDERAL SAVINGS**  
AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF SAN PEDRO  
2753 LOMITA BLVD. (at 27th St.)  
LOMITA, CALIF. 92040

HEAR EVANGELIST GOFFAR  
Sat., April 2nd at 11:00 a.m.  
"SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB"  
Wed., April 6th at 7:45 p.m.  
"144,000 SEALS"  
Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
1610 ACACIA AVE. TORRANCE

TREAT THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
FRIED SHRIMP DINNER  
\$1.25  
Food to Please Particular People

**GRAMERCY CAFE**  
MILLIE HALE  
W. C. WEAVER  
Corner Gramercy & Cabrillo Aves.

**HARBOR 25**  
DRIVE-IN THEATRE  
13322 50th AVENUE AT RIVERVIEW  
Wed. Thru Sat. Mar 30-Apr 2

ALAN LADD - PATRICIA MEDINA  
**Black Knight**

**RACE LIFE**  
with CONTE

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. April 3-4  
**"OPERATION MANHUNT"**  
with HARRY TOWNES

FRANK MARLYN - AL - BO GARDNER  
**Call Me a Sinner**  
with BOB HOPE - FRED ASTA - BOB HOPE